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Community Project works in South Kanara.

* 422 Q.—SRI N. N. SUVARNA: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how much has been spent so far by the Government from the fund allotted for the Community Project works in South Kanara and how much on the establishment by way of salaries and allowances; and

(b) whether the Government have sent instructions to the Collector, South Kanara, to exclude the M.L.As. concerned from the Project Advisory Executive Committee, and if not, will the Government direct the Collector concerned to include them?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) Rs. 45,330 up to the end of March 1953. Of this sum, Rs. 31,950 were spent on the establishment by way of pay and allowances. The large percentage of expenditure on establishment is due to the fact that the staff was engaged mainly on preliminary surveys and preparatory work during the half-year ending 31st March 1953 and very few works could then be taken up for execution. When the scheme comes to a close the percentage of expenditure on works will be far greater than that on staff. The provision in the Community Projects Administration Budget for staff is about 8 per cent of the total estimated expenditure in respect of a Project.

" (b) The answer to the first part is in the negative. As regards the second part, under existing orders the Project Executive Committee will have, in addition to the officials and the president, district board, four non-officials who are intimately concerned with the Community Project area and/or who are interested in social work in the district. As the executive committee is concerned only with implementation of plans approved by the advisory committee Government do not consider it necessary to alter the existing composition of the executive committee.".

Community Project Works at Samalkot.

* 423 Q.—SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) what works have begun in Community Projects Scheme at Samalkot in Kakinada taluk; how many coolies and staff are working; and

(b) for the inauguration of Community Projects at Samalkot, how much money was spent?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) No work has yet been undertaken in the area referred to. Some money was spent in printing invitations for the inauguration and nothing else as yet. The fact is that local subscriptions and collections cover most of the expenditure undertaken."